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HAVE A CLUE.

The Man Who Left the Baby at Mr. Ragsdale's Home Was Seen.

Had the Baby on the Train—Was a Mean Looking Personage.

The police have a good clue to the identity of the man who left the two months old boy baby at the home of Mr. S. P. Ragsdale, on North Tenth street, yesterday morning. The man was white.

Dr. R. A. Hicks and Col. Thomas Corbett were both on the train yesterday morning when the man entered the car. He entered the car soon after the "cannon-ball" left Fulton, and they believe he boarded the train there.

In appearance he was shabbily dressed, wore a slouch hat, big shoes, and was clean shaven, without beard. He had white teeth, Paducah gentlemen consider a formidable face. He seemed to be about 24 years old.

He took a seat in the cushion back of Dr. Hicks. The baby was attired in a neat looking white dress, wore a small hood, or cap, and was quiet until the train reached Mayfield. Then it began howling. The man gave it a sugar test, and tried to lull it back to sleep. He was tender enough to the infant, but they couldn't get over his sinister face.

Dr. Hicks finally asked the man if he thought the baby was sick. He said that there "was nothing the matter with him."

Finally Col. Corbett asked the man where the baby's mother was, and it was understood he replied "in Paducah," although Dr. Hicks heard only a "jilt-humored growl."

The man left the smoker when the train stopped. The porter showed to him that the train would back into the depot, but he replied that he didn't care, he was going to get off there.

He probably proceeded down Ninth to Boyd and there crossed over to Mr. Ragsdale's, on Tenth street.

Where he came from is a question. Dr. Hicks and Mr. Corbett would both recognize him should they see him again, and there is no doubt but that he is the man who abandoned the child.

The police are at work on the case, and hope to ferret out the mystery. He no doubt left on the next train at 3:55 the same morning.

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SPAIN EXPECTS WAR BY APRIL.

Openly Admitted in Havana by Spaniards Peace Without War Is an Impossibility.

GENERAL BLANCO IS FORTIFYING THE CITY OF HAVANA.

The United States Still Hastening Preparations For War—Vast Orders For Powder Given Out.

FIVE MORE BIG WARSHIPS

May Be Bought By the United States This Week—We Have Options.

TWO SQUADRONS BEING FORMED.

One at Hampton Roads and One at New York—Warships Are Now Gathering.

A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION TODAY.

All Reports That the President May Change His Chosen Policy Are Without Foundation.

AN IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING TODAY.

Washington, March 18.—It is evident today that all rumors to the effect that the President had changed his plans, or weakened, are entirely without foundation. Instead of that, McKinley is making vast plans for national defense and hurried orders are being sent out hourly to the various departments.

All available warships are being impressed into service. A squadron is being formed at Hampton Roads and another will be formed immediately in New York harbor.

It is believed that all preparations have been made for intervention in behalf of Cuba next week. Those nearest to the President claim this to be his policy, and he will not be changed from it. The government today secured option on five more warships which will probably be bought this week.

It is openly admitted in Havana that war will be declared by April 1. General Blanco seems to realize this and he is making all preparations in his power to fortify the city. He has ordered all Spanish troops from the interior of the island to Havana. Cuban independence is looked for as a certainty in a few days.

The war department today telegraphed to the California Powder Works the largest order for powder ever given by this government.

The two new warships bought of Brazil are today flying the stars and stripes.

The report of the court of inquiry expected in this city tomorrow.

Secretary long says that Cuban intervention will be considered at the cabinet meeting this afternoon. He also said that new squadrons will be formed to make American success absolutely certain in case of a war with Spain, which, he added, he feared cannot now be honorably avoided.

The situation today, as agreed on all sides, is that Cuban intervention within a few days is certain, and that Spain must declare war or give up Cuba.

END COMING NEXT WEEK.

The Report of the Naval Board Expected By the President on Monday.
Washington, March 18.—There is every reason to believe that next week will witness some sensational developments in the Cuban situation. It can be stated positively that the President expects to receive the report not later than Monday, and there is a possibility that it may reach Washington a day or two ahead of time. In ordinary cases of naval boards the report goes first to the officer convening the inquiry, and

is by him carefully inspected and forwarded, with his approval, disapproval or other comments. Then it goes to the judge advocate of the department, and is again reviewed before being sent to the secretary of the navy, who in turn transmits it to the President. If these ordinary channels were followed, it would be some time before action could be obtained on the report, but owing to the extraordinary nature of the affair, orders have been transmitted all along the line to expedite the delivery of the important document to the President, and it is quite possible that the intermediate officers may be overlooked entirely, leaving the formalities to be complied with after the President has received a copy of the formal finding.

There is semi-official authority for the statement that President McKinley has finally made up his mind to the effect that the condition of public sentiment is such that delays would be dangerous. It is expected that he will transmit the report almost immediately to congress, with a message, the character of which will be based upon the finding of the board. The expectation is, therefore, that by next Wednesday the country will be placed in possession of the official decision as to how the Maine was blown up, and at the same time congress will be supplied with the views of the president regarding a demand upon Spain for an indemnity if it should be justified. He is also likely within an extremely short time, so cautious officials say, to develop rapidly his plan of intervention.

There is a belief at the state department that if the report of the board clearly shows any measure of liability on the part of Spain the Sagasta government will agree to pay the indemnity, provided it continues in power. The Spanish elections will be held Friday of next week, and it is pretty certain that if the Sagasta ministry secures a working majority in the Cortes, it will agree to the indemnity proposal after a certain amount of diplomatic dickerings. On the other hand, of course, if the elections go against them the Sagasta ministry will retire sooner or later, the Weylerites will be in the saddle and the prospects of war will become immediately evident.

It is a well known fact that Premier Sagasta personally knows that Cuba is lost to Spain forever, and that while he would not be disposed to give up the struggle, he would probably ignore the president's recognition, at least to the extent of keeping up an ostensible campaign against the insurgents. This he could easily do during the wet season, when military operations are practically suspended, and there would be no necessity of provoking a war with the United States merely because he recognized the insurgents as an independent government.

Following upon that recognition, of course Spain would have the right to search all American merchant ships for goods contraband of war, and this would be likely to provoke hostilities if Sagasta waited war, but if he was anxious for peace he could instruct his naval officers who are generally loyal, although hot-headed, not to exercise the right of search except in extreme cases and then, in case of any outrage, the Spanish government could promptly disavow it and punish the offenders, thus avoiding hostilities.

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CONGRESS MUST DECIDE.

The People Expect No Hesitation or Shirk From Their Representatives.

Washington, March 18.—Senator Burrows, of Michigan, yesterday made the following statement:

"I am profoundly impressed with the belief that in our relations with Spain a crisis is near at hand. In a very few days the government will receive the report of the court of inquiry. There is no doubt in my mind what the finding of the court will be, viz: That the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a Spanish mine or torpedo."

"If the court makes the report I anticipate it will, then we come to the question of whether the explosion was produced by or through the connivance of a Spaniard or Cuban, Spain's responsibility for the deed is not lessened thereby."

"Suppose that the President of the United States had visited Spain on a friendly mission and was the guest of the Queen Regent, and during the night was murdered by some member of the Queen's household, or by some fanatical Spaniard not connected with the Queen's household, would not this government have the right to hold Spain responsible for the deed? I contend that it would."

"Therefore, it is that I say that in our relations with Spain we are approaching a crisis, the solution and settlement of which congress alone must determine. The country expects congress to do its duty in the premises, and that the president will do his. Neither can shift the responsibilities of the hour upon the other."

"Any proposition of congress to shirk responsibilities, or confer special powers upon the President to meet emergencies as they arise, will be resented by the people. Congress must not only remain in session until it knows all the facts connected with the case of the Maine, but must not adjourn until it has settled, and settled right all the other questions that are to-day pressing for a speedy solution."

"JULIUS C. BURROWS, United States Senator from Michigan."

SUICIDE IN ILLINOIS.

Desperate Young Lady, Miss Lorena Wade, Took Rat Poison.

Her Lover, Mr. Leippert, Reported as Being a Raving Maniac.

A sensational suicide with a deplorable sequel, is reported from the lower part of Massac county, Illinois.

It is said that Miss Lorena Wade and a young man named Leippert, worthy young people of the locality, were sweethearts and were engaged to be married. There was parental objection, however, to the match, and the dutiful girl chose to obey her parents rather than her heart. In a fit of despondency yesterday she took poison and died.

When the tragic news of her death reached the young man he lost his mind and is now reported to be a raving maniac.

"Young lady took rat poison, although everything possible was done to save her life, she died and her remains were buried yesterday."

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U. S. COURT

POSTPONED.

Judge Barr Notifies Commissioner Puryear That the U. S. Court Cannot Be Held Until May.

Put Off One Month—District U. S. Attorney Still Holds His Job—Tennessee Lawyer Here.

Judge John W. Barr, of the federal court, today notified United States Commissioner J. R. Puryear that the April term of federal court, the regular date of which is the first Monday in April, will not begin two weeks from Monday, April 2, but will have to be postponed one month.

This was quite a surprise to the United States officials here, but will occasion them little inconvenience. They will have to re-summon the jurors, for the first Monday in May instead of the first Monday in April, and subpoena the witnesses again. A few of the defendants and witnesses are under bond for their appearance on the first Monday in April, and the bonds in these cases will have to be received.

Judge Barr states in his communication that the April term of the district and circuit courts here will have to be postponed on account of the case of banker McKnight, at Louisville, which, it is thought, will consume at least a month.

Deputy Marshal Lattue will begin at once notifying witnesses, jurors and defendants by mail to note the change.

Attorney Will Smith, of Mayfield, is still U. S. district attorney, despite the fact his successor, Mr. R. D. Hill, was appointed and executed bond, some time ago. The reason for this is that Attorney Smith is so well informed in the McKnight case and the bank case just finished in Covington, the government cannot do without him, and if he were not retained as district attorney, he would have to be employed, and at a figure much larger than his salary. When court is held here in May, however, Attorney Smith will have retired.

Attorney J. F. Rhodes, of Milan, Tenn., is in the city today consulting Judge Campbell relative to the Brown vs. Robertson \$50,000 damages suit, to come up in the federal court.

MR. CLARK INDICTED.

Mayfield Grand Jury Found a Bill For Murder.

Mr. Sam D. Clark was this morning indicted for the murder of Mr. S. R. Carney by the grand jury in session at Mayfield. The jury had had the case under investigation for about a week.

It is understood that a motion for bail will be made under a writ of habeas corpus at once.

Mayor John E. Garner, of Winchester, is announced as a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress in the Tenth district.

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Extract of an editorial taken from the Western Review of Commerce, published at Chicago, Ill., dated November 19 last:

A Compliment to Paducah...

When we recommend an article or product it is accepted without question that we have thoroughly satisfied ourselves, by severe tests, of its value and worth, and that it is all that it may claim to be. The foregoing is sufficient to illustrate our position, and to justify what we may say when we make specific recommendation and extend our editorial commendations to the Brook Hill Garrard county, Kentucky, whiskey, distilled by Friedman, Keiler & Co., of Paducah, Ky. Both dealers and consumers can rely upon the character of the products of this firm, both in general and in particular, and we have no hesitancy in recommending them to our readers. Although we have no personal interest in the matter whatsoever, we believe in the policy, "merit to whom merit is due." In the light of too frequent adulterations and preparations of liquors, it behooves every one to scrutinize every brand, but, from the lack of proper facilities, such precautions are often neglected. To supply such want we have caused to be made close and critical examination and a searching chemical analysis, with the intention of printing the same, whether favorable or otherwise. The result, however, leaves us but one thing to do, and that is to state, regarding the Brook Hill Whiskey, that purer or better liquor has never been placed upon the market, and we recommend same to our readers in unqualified terms and advise them to place an order, at least for a trial, as their product is recommended by physicians as an aid to digestion, and is placed on our list of pure and wholesome food supplies.

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When everything will be sold at the same low prices as on the former days' sale. Three large cases of china have just been received, and will be added to the sale for Saturday. This stock consists of fine Carlsbad china, containing beautiful plates, cups and saucers, china ornaments, bisque figures and other goods, which will be sold on Saturday. Here are a few prices:

A six-quart covered bucket for 5c.
Poker, shovel and lifter, each worth 5c, sale price 3c for all.
A one-gallon glass oil can for 10c.
Large steel enameled wash basin for 10c.
Eight-inch pie plates—just think—1c each.
Handsome Delft blue hundred-piece dinner set for \$5.25.
Beautiful chamber sets all reduced 50 per cent.
Pretty Carlsbad cups and saucers, worth \$1.50 set, for 75c.

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